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40TH TACG AVIANO

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINT, IT, MPOL  
SUBJ: JULY FOUR IN NORTHEAST ITALY

1. LARGEST CELEBRATION IN AREA WAS NATO AIRSHOW JULY 3 ORGANIZED BY 40TH TACG AT AVIANO AIR BASE. IT BROUGHT TOGETHER ITALIAN FRECCIE TRICOLORI AND AUSTRIAN ACE OF DIAMONDS ACROBATIC TEAMS, AND FLYBY PERFORMANCES OF SUCH ADVANCED NATO AIRCRAFT AS F-111 AND F-15. OTHER EVENTS WERE PARACHUTIST COMPETITIONS, GLIDER PERFORMANCE, AND STATIC EXHIBITS OF VARIOUS COMBAT AND TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT.

2. REGIONAL OFFICIALS AT HIGHEST LEVELS ATTENDED EVENT AND ALL WARMLY PRAISED 40TH TACG AND ITS COMMANDER COLONEL WILLIAM L. GIBSON FOR ITS INCEPTION AND ORGANIZATION. BETWEEN 150,000 AND 200,000 SPECTATORS WHO CAME FROM THROUGHOUT ITALY AND FROM OTHER COUNTRIES INCLUDING AUSTRIA AND GERMANY ATTENDED SHOW. DESPITE THIS ENORMOUS CROWD, SHOW WENT OFF WITHOUT A HITCH.

3. PRESS PLAY OF AIR SHOW HAS BEEN EXTENSIVE, EMPHASIZING NATO CHARACTER OF EVENT AS WELL AS THAT OF AVIANO AIR BASE. WITHOUT DOUBT, SHOW MADE ENORMOUS POSITIVE IMPRESSION THROUGHOUT ENTIRE NORTHEAST REMINDING SPECTATORS OF UNCLASSIFIED

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ITALY S KEY ROLE IN ALLIANCE AND THE IMPORTANCE OF NATO TO THE ITALIAN DEFENSE.

4. PRINCIPAL OFFICER HELD STAG RECEPTION JULY 4 AT NOON FOR ITALIAN AUTHORITIES, CONSULAR CORPS, AND RESIDENT AMERICANS. ALL KEY LEADERS ATTENDED RECEPTION AND MOST TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO STRESS THEIR HOPE FOR FURTHER

ENHANCEMENT OF THE SPECIAL TIES OF FRIENDSHIP AND  
ALLIANCE THAT BIND ITALY AND U.S. MOEN.

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